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Statement of
LEO R. ASUNCION
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before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Monday, February 25, 2019
2:30 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

in consideration of
HB 1404, HD 1
**RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
AND TOURISM BUDGET.**

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the House Committee on Finance.

The Office of Planning (OP) strongly supports HB 1401, HD 1, which adds positions to the Office of Planning for its proposed Sustainability Division.

We wish to clarify and confirm OP's understanding that the proposed Federal grant ceiling increase, which appeared in the original version of HB 1404, is now intended to be included in HB 895, HD 1. We note that our testimony for HB 895, HD 1 includes the following comment:

“Page 4, Line 12: Although the Committee on Water, Land, and Hawaiian Affairs states in their committee report (HSCR No. 791) that HB 895 was amended in HD 1 to appropriate federal funds to adjust for the federal grant ceiling, the increase is not reflected in HB 895, HD 1. OP asks that BED 144 N funds should be increased by \$73,963 to a final total of \$2,459,651 in both Fiscal Year 2019-2020 and Fiscal Year 2020-2021.”

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

HB-1404-HD-1

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Testimony for FIN on 2/25/2019 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chris Barzman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Strongly support this bill. Sustainability should be a funded division within our government.



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STATEMENT OF
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The Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) **Supports** HB
1404, HD1 which adjusts the operating budget for the fiscal biennium 2019-2021.

This is necessary to cover fringe benefits for staff salaries and prevent a
shortfall in funding for HCDA.

We respectfully request the method of funding be changed from special
funds (B funds) to our revolving fund (W funds) as HCDA is currently funded by
its revolving fund.

We note that the Administration's budget proposes HCDA's positions be
converted from revolving to general funds. If HCDA's positions are funded
through the general fund, the appropriation for HCDA in this bill would be
unnecessary.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer support of HB 1404, HD1.